



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

James S. Raitter

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**Examiner:** M. Charioui

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed February 17, 2004. The purpose of this communication is to set forth Applicants' comments, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.104(e), on the Examiner's Statement of Allowable Subject Matter accompanying the Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner indicates:

**Regarding claims 1-9 and 18-26**, none of the prior art of record teaches or suggest determining a tray matrix of the multi-die handling device; retrieving data from the tray map file, the data comprising unique characters correlating to each semiconductor device of the plurality of semiconductor devices; and marking each semiconductor device with the data, in combination with the rest of the claim limitations.

**Regarding claims 10-17 and 27-34**, none of the prior art of record teaches or suggests determining a tray matrix of the at least one carrier; retrieving test data from the tray map file; and marking each semiconductor device of the plurality of semiconductor devices with the corresponding test data, in combination with the rest of the claim limitations.

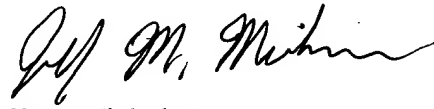
Applicants concur with the reasons as stated by the Examiner insofar as they comprise a summary, are exemplary, and are not limiting. However, the scope of the claims is based on the actual language of the claims and equivalents thereof, and not on a paraphrase or summary of the claim language.

The Independent claims as allowed recite features and methodology in addition to, and in different language than, those described in the Statements of Allowable Subject Matter. Furthermore, the dependent claims recite elements in addition to those of the independent claims, which are also not reflected in the Statements of Allowable Subject Matter. Such additional features and elements, in combination with those of the independent claims from which each claim depends, provide additional reasons for patentability. Accordingly, the scope of the claims must be determined from the literal language of each as a whole, as well as all equivalents thereof.

Therefore, to the extent that the Examiner's reasons for allowance as stated are not relevant to, or wholly encompassing of, a particular claim, independent or dependent, Applicants assume that (pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.104(e)) the Examiner has determined that the record of the prosecution as a whole of the application makes clear the reasons for allowing those claims. Further, it appears, pursuant to M.P.E.P. 1302.14, that the Examiner's Statements of Allowable Subject Matter are not intended to encompass all of the reasons for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff M. Michelsen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeff" and last name "Michelsen" clearly distinguishable.

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal for the above-captioned application and a check in the amount of \$1,645.00 in payment therefor plus five (5) copies of the patent when issued.

Also, enclosed is an Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a) (12 pages); Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance (3 pages); and Fee Addressee for Receipt of PTO Notices Relating to Maintenance Fees (2 pages).

Applicant understands that no additional fees are required. However, if the Office determines that any comparison fees or other additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees to TraskBritt Deposit Account No. 20-1469. A copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,



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